

A reading from Isaiah chapter 42 verses 1 through 9. You can find this reading on page 602 of your pew Bible.

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;
a bruised reed he will not break,
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not grow faint or be discouraged
till he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his law.
Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people on it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
“I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness;
I will take you by the hand and keep you;
I will give you as a covenant for the people,
a light for the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the Lord; that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to carved idols.
Behold, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth
I tell you of them.”

**The Word of the Lord.
*Thanks be to God.***

Please join me in praying Psalm 89.

Leader: I have found David, my servant;
with my holy oil I have anointed him,

**People: so that my hand shall be established with him;
my arm also shall strengthen him.**

Leader: The enemy shall not outwit him;
the wicked shall not humble him.

**People: I will crush his foes before him
and strike down those who hate him.**

Leader: My faithfulness and my steadfast love shall be with him,
and in my name shall his horn be exalted.

**People: I will set his hand on the sea
and his right hand on the rivers.**

Leader: He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father,
my God, and the Rock of my salvation.'

**People: And I will make him the firstborn,
the highest of the kings of the earth.**

Leader: My steadfast love I will keep for him forever,
and my covenant will stand firm for him.

**People: I will establish his offspring forever
and his throne as the days of the heavens.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: as it
was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**Leader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.**

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As the people were in expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, "I baptize you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So with many other exhortations he preached good news to the people. But Herod the tetrarch, who had been reprovved by him for Herodias, his brother's wife, and for all the evil things that Herod had done, added this to them all, that he locked up John in prison. Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.